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Mr. Brian V. Kinney
Chief, Declassification and
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Records Management Division
Washington Headquarters Services
Department of Defense
Room 1D517, Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Kinney:

Mr. E. E. Lowry's memorandum of 23 August 1983 forwarded to us three SECRET documents uncovered in the systematic review of classified Office of the Secretary of Defense material over 20 years old with the request that we review the classification status of the information contained in the documents pertinent to CIA. The documents are: Memorandum, Subject: Scientific Satellite Program dated 22 June 1953; Memorandum, re: Earth Satellite Project dated 22 December 1954; and a Letter, re: Earth Satellite Vehicle Plans dated 29 January 1955.

We have reviewed the documents described above under Section 1.3 of Executive Order 12356 and have determined that these documents can be downgraded to the CONFIDENTIAL level. The documents are returned to you herewith as requested. We have added our classification review stamp showing our action.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Chief, Classification Review Division
Office of Information Services
Directorate of Administration

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